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343 1c Green	2.75	.98	.12
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1909 Commemoratives (Carmine)

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1912 S. L. Wmk. New Types (1912) (1 Cent 1)

408 1c Green	1.00	.42	.07
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1916-17 No Wmk. Same Types Flat Plate

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482 2c Carmine	1.20	.55	.14
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1923-26 New Types 1922 Issue, Flat Plate

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576 1 1/2c Brn.	1.20	.60	.13
577 2c Carm.	2.20	.60	.15
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1893 COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION ISSUE

Scott's	Unused Block	Used
230 1c Blue	1.60	.14
231 2c Violet	2.75	.20
232 3c Green	3.50	.53

233 4c Ultramarine	5.35	.85	.10
234 5c Chocolate	6.85	.82	.15
235 6c Purple	5.00	.90	.72
236 8c Magenta	6.00	.60	.19
237 10c Black Brn.	11.45	.90	.10
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287 4c Orange	13.25	1.55	.65
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291 50c Sage Green	11.50	3.25	

1901 Pan AM. ISSUE (Center Black)

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296 4c Chocolate	10.00	1.20	.27
297 5c Ultramarine	10.50	1.15	.66
298 8c Brn. Violet	14.50	2.10	1.50
299 10c Yellow Brown	17.50	1.85	.66

1904 LOUISIANA PURCHASE

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325 3c Violet	8.50	1.65	1.25
326 5c Blue	16.50	2.30	.88
327 10c Brown	35.00	4.75	1.05

1907 JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION

328 1c Green	1.95	.28	.12
329 2c Carmine	2.00	.38	.05
330 5c Blue	12.50	2.20	1.09

1909 COMMEMORATIVES (Carmine)

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369 2c on Bluish	32.50	8.00	
370 2c Alaska-Yukon	2.00	.42	.05
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1912-13 PANAMA-PACIFIC ISSUE P. 12

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398 2c Carmine	1.50	.30	.01
399 5c Blue	10.50	2.10	.89
400a 10c Orange	6.70	.45	
400 10c Or. Yellow	17.50	2.75	.42

1915 Same but Perf. 10

401 1c Green	4.00	.85	.17
402 2c Carmine	19.00	4.25	.06
402a 2c Red	4.25	.17	
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1919 VICTORY ISSUE

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IT'S TIME that philately obtained from the Treasury an all-inclusive statement regarding its belief as to which revenue stamps, if any, the hobby may collect without some officious and imaginative busybody suddenly deciding their possession was illegal and their possessors criminals. Ever since stamps began to be used, whether for postage or revenue, imaginative officials have made trouble for the hobby. That by doing so government revenues actually were protected is debatable. Much of this activity reminds us of the congressman who, sincerely alarmed over possession of guns by unlawful elements, solemnly proposed a law forbidding private possession of guns in the belief that thereby the practice would be ended. We do not believe that forbidding possession of revenue stamps would deter crooks either.

For many years Wine Stamps have been collected without interference. Catalogues have listed and priced them, the same as other stamps. Collectors and dealers have large numbers in their possession, attracted by the large and showy stamps. Wine stamps have probably been the most popular of current revenues. Now, overnight, the Internal Revenue office would have these stamps destroyed under threat of arrest for their possessors. Such a sudden move on their part needs explaining. Have federal revenues actually been lost as a result of philatelic activity? Or has some one with an imagination decided that they can be lost? Theories and actualities are two quite different things, as philately can well recall the many years we were forced to omit U. S. stamp illustrations because Treasury officers managed to paint a highly imaginative but convincing picture of the dangers of stamp illustration.

If we are to accept the revenue office theory that mere possession of stamps constitutes a danger to the government since such stamps may be reused, then the same theory applies to all stamps, postage and revenue, currently usable. Postal officials long ago learned that reuse of stamps constitutes a small loss, and it is much easier for the criminally minded to get away with reuse of a postage stamp than a revenue stamp, since the revenue office has a stricter method of issuance of stamps. Not anyone can step up and buy revenue stamps. Their purchase is with very few exceptions strictly limited.

We do not personally possess a single Wine stamp; consequently suffer no personal loss by the latest edict. But the hobby is entitled to know just where it stands in the matter of revenue stamps. Here again is a field whereby the national societies might be of service—if they would. They could determine if the spirit of laws is being observed, or if they are being enforced as whims or nuisances, or interpreted in manners not intended by those writing them. If Wine stamp collecting has been all right for the past 20 years, it follows that it must still be all right; or, Internal Revenue officers have been lax in law enforcement for the same period. It would be easy to abandon any field of revenues; abandon it without argument; but the time has come for clarification on a permanent basis of the whole matter.

—R. R.

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The Portsmouth Postmaster Provisional Stamp

By GEORGE W. LINN

FOR many years, collectors in Columbus have known of the existence of two copies of the Portsmouth, Ohio, Postmaster's Provisional Letter sheet. As long ago as 1889, Mr. C. B. Duffy, one of the leading collectors of this city, acquired a copy of this Provisional. From what source is of course unknown. Mr. Duffy was, in his day, one of the leading collectors of this city and did have an excellent collection of stamps. His interest in later years having turned to plating all of the

came into his hands a collection of a Mr. Davis from Cincinnati, Ohio. This collection at that time had a value between \$4,000 and \$5,000. Among other items in the collection was a Baltimore on Cover and a number of other choice items, also the second known copy of this little known Portsmouth Postmaster's Provisional.

The collection was sold by auction and other means and this Portsmouth Provisional was retained because of the fact that so little was known of it. Since it

is listed on page 53 of this work and an illustration is included in the plates.

From a comparison of the two copies before me with that in the plate in the Luff work it is evident that the illustration shown in the Luff work is of the same stamp as that illustrated in the American Journal of Philately of February, 1889.

The Luff work has this to say regarding the stamp:

"On plate X is shown the design of a press-printed impression which has been



Great Britain stamps, even including the pound values and he had a very large collection of these issues. During the latter years of his life, he was purchasing agent of the Hocking Valley Railway of this city and an active member of the Columbus philatelic organizations around the period before and after the turn of the century. After his death, his collection was acquired by Mr. O. A. Schenck who is today the world's greatest specialist on the early stamps of Mexico.

About 1924, when the writer was active as a stamp dealer in this city, there

has now been discovered that there are two copies of the stamp, it has been thought advisable to attempt to determine the exact facts as regards the stamp in so far as possible, by a comparative study of the two specimens.

In my search for information on this stamp, it was discovered that although it had been mentioned by Mr. John N. Luff in years past, it was not included in his original work on United States Stamps. However, in the revised edition of the Luff work on Postmasters' Provisional Stamps issued in 1937, the stamp

seen on letter sheets mailed at Portsmouth, Ohio, between 1846 and 1849. In addition to the printed design the letter sheets bear the regular circular postmark and the word "PAID."

"We have been unable to obtain any information regarding this item and merely mention it here as another one of the possible postmaster's provisionals."

Just why Mr. Luff has worded the above two paragraphs as they are worded is a question that we can not answer, but there are some facts as regards this

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wording that should have a bearing on these stamps.

Mr. Luff states that the stamp is a "press-imprinted impression." We agree with him that the work is that of a printing press, yet what kind of printing presses were available in Portsmouth, Ohio, in 1846? We shall discuss this matter, later. Mr. Luff gives dates as "between 1846 and 1849." Since the two copies of this stamp before me are the only ones known to me I wonder where Mr. Luff got the latter date, as both of the covers before me are dated 1846, one of them January 18 and the other January 20, two days later. Are we therefore to believe that there are other known covers of this stamp dated as late as 1849? Mr. Luff further states that the letter sheets bear the word "PAID" in addition to the regular circular postmark. Now, the sheet illustrated in the American Journal of Philately in 1889 does not bear the word "PAID" while the other sheet does have the word "PAID" both printed in black capital letters and written in ink on the cover. This again leads one to wonder if there were other known copies of these sheets or it of course may be that Mr. Luff has seen this second sheet which I possess, yet that will not cover the wide range of dates.

Now getting back to the sheet illustrated in the American Journal of Philately in 1889, I want to print the article that was printed in connection with the illustration of the sheet. It is to be noted that the article which follows quotes the great authority Mr. John K. Tiffany in explaining the why and the wherefore of the issue of Postmasters' Provisional stamps.

Copied from The Philatelic Journal of America, issue of February, 1889

PORTSMOUTH, OHIO
Postmaster's Stamp.

"In the early days of the postage stamp, soon after it had become a success in Great Britain a number of local postmasters in the United States recognized the advantages of the system and its convenience to the public, and issued stamps of their own.

Congress was slow in adopting the system, and the public demanded them months before they made their appearance from official sources.

We quote from Mr. Tiffany's valuable work on United States Stamps:

"The postmasters in several places, however, undertook to meet the public demand by having stamps prepared on their own responsibility, paying the expense of manufacture themselves, and selling them to the public at a sufficient advance on the postal rates to cover the cost of engraving and printing.

"In some cases the matter was brought to the attention of the Postmaster-General and he saw no objection to the arrangement; in others the whole affair seems to have passed without any attention being paid to it by the Department. In fact it was a mere contract between the postmaster and the purchaser of his stamps, that when a letter bearing one of his stamps was mailed at his office it should be treated as if the money was handed in with it. No

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office, except as the mark or stamp indicating the amount charged, always put on letters at that date, but the word "paid" was recognized by every office. The letter was entered as a paid letter on the way-bill and was treated as prepaid, not because of the stamp but because the forwarding office treated it as prepaid.***

'Such stamps were issued at New York, St. Louis, Brattleboro, New Haven, Providence, Alexandria, Baltimore, Mil-

a collector of Columbus, Ohio."

"According to the information furnished by him, the letter sheets were issued by the Portsmouth postmaster and were sold to the public at seven cents each, the date of issue must have been prior to January 19th, 1846, which is the date of the letter on which this specimen appears."

"Mr. Duffy is a member of the Philatelic Society of Columbus and values this specimen beyond price."



had to account to the Government for the amount of the postage as if he had received it with the letter. The Department had nothing to do with the fact that the stamp had been actually paid for at another time, or with its existence at all. Examination at several of these offices show that there was no stamp account kept in the records of the office. Such letters were treated exactly, as letters were, on which the postage was either paid in money or charged in the open accounts which the postmaster chose to keep with the commercial houses. It was marked "Paid." The stamp had no significance at any other

bury and probably other places."

"The illustration accompanying this article represents a stamped letter sheet which is supposed to have been issued by the Postmaster of Portsmouth, Ohio, and was of the same character as the adhesive postmasters stamps referred to by Mr. Tiffany."

"The impression is in black on an ordinary sheet of white letter paper, the design as shown by the white lines in the illustration is formed of border type, and was probably set up in some local printing office."

"The letter bearing this impression was brought to light by Mr. C. B. Duffy,

"We hope that the publication of this article will bring more of the history of this stamp to light."

The illustration referred to in the above article is a line engraving or zinc etching print of the cover.

It might first be remarked that Mr. C. B. Duffy who was the owner of the stamp at the time the article was published was an experienced philatelist of high repute and a business man of sterling integrity. What investigations he may have made or what he may have

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135	.15	.03	152	.65	.65	170	.40	.07
136	.27	.18	153	.60	.11	173	.80	.60
137	.27	.14	154	.54	.54	174	1.15	.75
139	.45	.06	155	.40	.22	177	.08	.02
140	.33	.33	156	.50	.50	178	.18	.02
141	.38	.35	157	.45	.20	180	.33	.04
142	.47	.33	158	.75	.54	181	.35	.55
143	.55	.33	159	.66	.67	182	1.60	1.50
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learned about these letter sheets is a matter that we can not vouch for other than for the statements as printed in the article above.

We can gather from that article that Mr. Duffy did learn that these sheets had been prepared and sold by the Postmaster at Portsmouth, Ohio, for seven cents each. Five cents of this would be for the postage fee and the additional two cents would compensate for the paper which was equivalent to the envelope or letter sheet of this period and would be a reasonable and expected charge.

We might surmise farther with regard to these stamps and state that in 1846, Portsmouth, Ohio, was a river town of considerable prominence and importance in this part of the country and on the Ohio River where river traffic as a means of traffic was of more importance than it is today in comparison with other forms of our life. At the same time, the Ohio Canal entered the river at Portsmouth and it is interesting to note that the cover addressed to Tarlton, Ohio, contains the letter on the other side of the sheet and the letter is an invoice for a bill of lumber, dated at Portsmouth, Ohio, January 19, 1846, from Messrs. Gaylord & Co. to Messrs. Stouch and Wolfley, Tarlton, Ohio.

Tarlton, Ohio, is in the Southeast corner of Pickaway County, some 50 to 60 miles south of Columbus, and the Canal system that linked the inland cities of Ohio, with the Ohio River, went near to this town. It is thus most probable that this letter as well as the lumber the invoice covers may have traveled this canal.

The other cover, unfortunately, is of a single sheet, and does not have a letter written on the back of it. However, there is written on an inner fold, the name "D. N. Prossett—17th January—1846." This cover is cancelled on the front, "January 18."

As will be seen, this latter cover is addressed to the Cashier of a Bank in Lexington, Ky.

The paper in the two specimens is of a different quality which in the first

place would seem to indicate that having come from two different sources it is only natural that it would be different paper, which some might argue would be more or less proof that the stamping or printing of the stamp design on the paper was done by the Postmaster after the letters were handed to him at the postoffice, yet could you conceive of a postmaster having and keeping a huge hand press such as must have been used in those days, set up and ready to print one at a time, a postage stamp indicia on letters as they were brought to the postoffice for mailing.

The difference in the quality of the paper is not surprising, for Portsmouth, a River Town in 1846, was by no means in a position to be choosy about what kind of paper was available and they were really fortunate in obtaining most any kind.

It would be just natural that if a number of these letter sheets were stamped and prepared for sale, that various kinds and qualities of paper may have been used from necessity. It is to be noted that both sheets are of actual and practically identical size, that both sheets when folded up are of substantially the same size, probably indicating a uniform folding of the sheets which if so could only have been done by one who had prepared the sheets and folded them all alike to a certain size for it is evident from an examination of the two sheets that the press-printed design of border type with the figure "5" in the center, has been printed on the sheets while they have been in the folded state, since the impression of the metal type shows on other folds in the sheets.

This is all logical enough, the postmaster folded the sheet, then stamped his stamp on them and sold them to the public who wrote their letters on the sheets and refolded and sealed them for mailing. Had the sheets been printed before they were folded, the stamps would not uniformly have been in the same approximate like position on both sheets.

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Feb. 20—Mail Sale. U. S. and Foreign. Cosmos Stamp Co., 116L Nassau St., New York City.

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Charlotte, N. C.—This club meets on second and fourth Monday evenings at 8 P.M. at the club room at 632 E. 4th St. Membership is about 40 and adult collectors are welcome to meetings; the next meetings to feature discussion of the Famous Americans. J. R. Halstead is newly elected President and R. N. McCall, Secy.—Treas.

Chicago, Ill.—J. T. Hermansader was elected President of the Chicago Philatelic Society at the Dec. 19th meeting, with Philip F. Koenig as Secretary. The club is busy preparing for its annual stamp show at the La Salle Hotel, Feb. 21-22-23, entries for which close on Feb. 8. Prospectus obtainable of Alfred Diamond, 11 S. La Salle St., Chicago. The souvenir philatelic label is a handsome engraved item depicting a Mississippi River Packet Boat and are being sold at 10c each or 3 for 25c plus postage by the club at Room 1611, above address.

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Cleveland, Ohio—H. M. Sanford, President of the War Cover Club has been elected President of Garfield-Perry Stamp Club; Bill McCloud of House of Farnam, Inc., being elected Secretary. At the January 10th meeting of the club, William S. Dix, an associate of the Committee on Private Research of Western Reserve University explained his Committee's functions and suggested formation of an advisory committee of Ohio collectors to compile Ohio postal history. The Annual Party has been set for March 28-29-30 at the Hotel Hollenden.

Ravena, N. Y.—The Ravena Stamp Club has become the Hudson Valley Chapter of the League for International Fellowship, a new organization to enter philately as our records seem to indicate. Meetings of the Chapter are held second Wednesdays at homes of members and next one will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Spoor, Sr., Feb. 12 at 8 p. m.

Tulsa, Okla.—The committee in charge of the 1941 Convention and Exhibition of the Cover Collectors of America announced that they expect 1,000 collectors at the April 4-5-6 Convention at Tulsa's Mayo Hotel. Dedication of Will Roger's mausoleum is to be included among the events of the opening day and members and guests will be taken to Claremore to witness this event. This may be the date of issuance of the proposed Will Rogers stamp, though our Oklahoma correspondents say nothing of this. A group of Seminole Indians will be featured on the banquet entertainment. L. M. Blakey, Exhibition Chairman, reports two-thirds the exhibition space has already been reserved and collectors desirous of entering material should write him at once at 3525 E. Independence, Tulsa. All cover collectors are invited to participate in the convention.

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• China issued the 4c on 5c provisional the latter part of last year in order to use large stocks of the 5c stamp for which there has been little use since the letter rate was raised from 5c to 8c.

• On March 1st the Inskip Rural Station will be established as a tributary of the Knoxville, Tenn., post office.

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Falkland Centenary Brings \$90

Stamps are on their way up. This trend was unmistakable at the Ohlman Galleries' 247th Public Auction where, amid strong competitive bidding on the part of leading collectors and dealers, several near record prices were established for unusual items.

The ever popular Falkland Island Centenary Issue of 1933, always a popular set, brought what is considered to be a record price, as it was knocked down for \$90 after unusually heavy bidding. The £1 stamp, cataloging at \$75, brought \$44 and the 10 shilling stamp (which catalogs at \$40) realized \$24. A big surprise was the great demand for the low values of this set which realized near full catalog. All items were in very fine condition.

While fine prices were realized on the popular 20th century pictorials and Air Mails, with most of the Air Mails bringing from 1/2 to 3/4 of Scott, the old U. S. classic issues continued strong with some of the choice items fetching fancy prices. A beautiful horizontal pair of the 10c 1847 issue with a neat red cancellation brought \$127.50, over half catalog, while a 10c Confederate of 1863 showing three frame lines and part of a fourth (extremely rare and unusual thus) realized \$46.

United States Commemoratives were keenly sought after. A block of the 5c Jamestown, described as "almost perfect centered," brought \$15.75.

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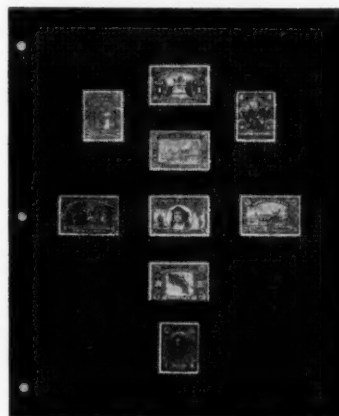
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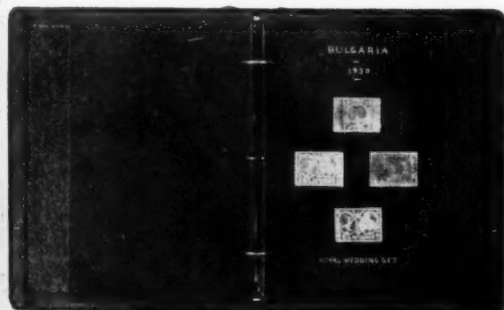
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The apparent scarcity of the Bermuda half penny was exploded by New York wholesalers, who came up with 4,000 copies. According to a few of these dealers there was a total of 300,000 printed to take care of the Christmas post office rush, and smart Bermuda dealers made sure that the issue would be a sell out by securing all the available copies. The so called scarcity now depends on how many copies were held for philately. To date about 10,000 copies were sold in this country.

It is apparent that the Bahamas provisional is the better of the two. No large supplies have appeared in New York. However, these same dealers tell me that additional printings have been ordered to take care of immediate needs.

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POSTAGE EXTRA

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New York stamp dealers can't thank the editors of *Life* enough for the free advertisement given to the entire stamp industry, by their display of pictures through stamps. Many non-collectors have come into dealer's stores asking for many of the items which were illustrated in the magazine. The Constitution issues seemed to be the most in demand.

As reported by your columnist last week, a sweeping investigation was commenced in every New York post office over the release of the "dummy" booklet panes. A formal notice has been dispatched to every post office supervisor demanding all the information they have on these panes. Well boys maybe we'll have another Farley issue.

The non-arrival of the ship carrying further supplies of Pitcairn Islands has caused a complete draught in the metropolitan area. You collectors will just have to be patient. There is no shortage.

Warning, because of the scarcity of the Burma overprint for the Centennial, watch out for fake copies. This stamp is scarce, because most of the supplies are on the bottom of the Pacific Ocean.

A new limited issue from Colombia made its appearance this week. The set has a very high face value and is a commemorative airmail issue. If the wholesaler who had this set knew how limited the issue was, he would have doubled his price.

Famous American Covers

We mentioned a couple weeks ago that numerous requests were received here at the Linprint office for information as to where Famous American first day covers on Linprint envelopes were obtainable. The Portage Cover Service, 5004 Warwick Ave., Chicago, was first to advise they can supply these covers, also many others on Linprint first day envelopes.

E. C. Lansing, Clyde Central School, Clyde, N. Y., wants a 5c Whitman cover with handstamp cancel.

A 3c Poets (Lowell) is needed by Irwin M. Schuett, 2527 So. Homan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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Stamp Collectors Exchange Club

We are advised by Mr. K. MacRory of the Stamp Collectors Exchange Club that their mail is not being returned by the Canadian post office, despite the returned letters shown us by our subscribers. Apparently the cause is the change of address of the club from Samia, Ontario, to Box 1, Station D, Toronto; a change of which we were not advised. Will their puzzled correspondents please note the new address?

* Nauru, scene of an attack by a German sea raider, has on occasion of new stamp issues obtained over half its total annual revenue from stamp sales. The population totals around 3,000 of which less than 200 are Europeans; all engaged in the export of phosphate, practically the sole product, aside from stamps, of the remote Pacific island.



By Kenneth M. Gierhart
Baltimore, Ohio

BEE NO MORE

I have word from both the past owner and the new owner of the BEE. Mr. Adolf Gunesch, the new owner, has taken over all rights to the BEE and will publish it under the name of his house organ, "The Precancel Optimist." The February issue will be the first under Mr. Gunesch's directions. There can be no doubt that Mr. Gunesch has one of the largest if not the largest mailing list of any precancel dealer in the country and every one of these collectors will get a copy of the new OPTIMIST. The Precancel Stamp Society and precancel collecting in general should profit from this new combination.

BRITISH PRECANCELS

I find that besides the kind of precancels I described a few weeks back there are some other types. The December, 1937, issue and the November, 1939, issue of the BEE carried articles on British Precancels. The items described in the BEE resembled postal cancellations more than precancels the way we know them. In fact none of the British precancels resemble either the Canadian or U. S. precancels very closely. It seems that since most of our foreign stamps are coming from London and that the collecting of British Isles is more popular now, some few collectors are branching out into the cancellation possibilities and have dug up these precancels. No doubt if enough interest can be shown a catalog or list will be printed similar to the French and Belgium editions.

SE-TENANT PRECANCELS

The late January issue of Gossip quotes LINN'S as listing se-tenant pairs of precancels each stamp having a different town on it. Saying "We await further information." Just which item they refer to I do not know but just about a year ago a collector appeared at the annual get-together in Columbus with a block of 1/4c Presidential with four towns

on it. One of the towns involved was South Zanesville. Since it was apparent that there could be nothing to this thing except some fun for the owner I did not even bother to mark down the other towns. It is true they exist and perhaps still do so, se-tenant and Tete-Beche, also. So what!

NOTES

City type Defense items. Celina, O., 1c U-122; Ripley, O., 1c U-122; Carthagena, O., 1c U-126.—They say this is a brand new type and not a narrow.—In "Old Stamps" a little paper published by Parker Haydon of Berkeley, Calif., we note that Mr. Haydon received a communication from Mr. Ramsey S. Black, Third Asst. Postmaster General, about the new Defense items. Mr. Black states that the first item shipped was for Chicago and was sent out November 13th.

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